

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, April 21, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Limited tickets available for Montgomery Gentry concert

Tickets for the Montgomery Gentry concert on July 17 are almost gone. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the show.

To purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT; [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) MWR Registration, building 3326, at 410-278-4907; Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134.

For more information and disabilities accommodations, call 410-278-4621, Fax 410-278-9083, or TTY: 410-278-4110, or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Otto Road closure rescheduled

Because of adverse construction conditions, the work previously scheduled to occur April 3 and 4 has been rescheduled to start April 16.

The closure will start at 1 p.m., and end Sunday afternoon.

During this period, Otto Road will be closed between Rickets Point Road and the southern entrance of building E-4301.

Access to building E-4301 will not be affected, but building E-3510 temporary parking lot on the south side of Otto Road will be closed during this period.

In advance of the actual road closures, there may be lane closures with flagmen for preparatory work.

Work is being performed as part of the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory construction by Poole and Kent Company for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration.

Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

For more information, call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159

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# Easter sunrise service hails Resurrection

Story and photos by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Prayers for the nation, songs of praise, and a message of hope and endurance highlighted the Aberdeen Proving Ground Easter Sunday Sunrise Service held at the Aberdeen Area Chapel April 11.

Due to threatening weather conditions, the service was relocated to the chapel from Fanshaw Field.

An overcast sky had no effect on the spirit of the occasion, however, joyous musical selections from the Aberdeen Area's Gospel and Protestant choirs highlighted the service.

After a welcome by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, a scripture reading by Col. Henry Davis, RDECOM chief of staff, and a responsive read-

ing by Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Col. Dave Willett, APG garrison and installation chaplain, delivered the morning message.

Focusing on faith based on the Resurrection of Christ, Willett said that the gathering proves an enduring belief that has lasted for centuries.

"Our coming here and celebrating in song and scripture and readings means that we truly believe," Willett said.

He said that the Resurrection is something that continues today in many forms.

"It's not just something that happened a long time ago, but it continues to happen," Willett said. "We are supposed to resurrect ourselves and continue to live that way. Christ has

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Col. Henry J. Davis, chief of staff, U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command, delivers a scripture reading from the book of Mark during Easter Sunrise Service at the Aberdeen Area Chapel April 11.

## TSP offers Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will run April 15 through June 30. During the open enrollment period, employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction.

Update pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees need to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or visit <https://www.abc.army.mil> to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution.

Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8666 or [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) if they wish to change their fund allocation.

Personal Identification Numbers (PIN's) are required for both ABC-C and TSP.

The 2004 contribution limit for FERS employees is 14 percent, for CSRS employees 9 percent (up to the IRS limit). The IRS limit for 2004 is \$13,000.

Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling TSP, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50. The TSP-50 is available from a servicing human resources assistant.

For more information, contact the organization's servicing human resources assistant at APG CPAC.

## Tennessee reservists recognized for a job well done

Joni Platt  
TEU

Soldiers and civilians from the Guardian Brigade and Technical Escort Unit gathered to bid good-bye to the Soldiers from the 398th Chemical Company during a TEU farewell ceremony at the Conference Center in the Edgewood Area last month.

For the past year reservists from the 398th Chemical Company supported the Global War on Terrorism by augmenting TEU. These Soldiers, based in Millington, Tenn., were mobilized in April 2003 and arrived at the Edgewood Area on May 5, 2003.

Originally, 84 Soldiers joined TEU, but some were demobilized early because their skill sets/specialties could not be incorporated into TEU. Seventy-six stayed to serve.

TEU commander, Lt. Col. Franz J. Amann started the ceremony by remarking on the unit's accomplishments and the vital role it played while augmenting TEU.

"Without the 398th we would not have been able to accomplish our mission," Amann said. "They went CONUS and OCONUS, with a few of them deploying to Kuwait and Iraq. They were placed in each one of our units and participated in many missions."

The Reserve Soldiers were involved in sampling, decontamination, emergency response missions, remediation projects, transload and transport of precious cargo.

"I would like to publicly recognize them as being part of our Army of One. They have made great sacrifices for our nation," he said. "I hope you have gained as much as we have gained from having you as a part of our organization."

Col. Tim D. Madere, commander of the U.S. Army Guardian Brigade, presented awards which included the Army Commendation, Army Achievement Medal and coins of excellence.

"Daily sacrifices are not made by active duty Soldiers only. I understand the sacrifices you have made to protect our freedom, our people and our nation," he said. You are a member of a small portion of the Army. Without your sacrifices we would not have that tradition. The reserves have a proud tradition in our history."

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## Army focuses on getting equipment to deployed troops faster

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

Every Thursday, senior leaders on the Army staff spend an hour validating equipment requirements from commanders to ensure needed capabilities get in the hands of deploying troops.

Additional body armor, more up-armored high-mobility multi purpose wheeled vehicles and battlefield robots are examples of requests that have been approved by members of the Army Strategic Planning Board.

Getting the right equipment to combatant commanders in a timely manner is only one aspect of the Army's focus area "Resource Processes."

"It's a series of actions that match dollars to desired capabilities," said Lt. Col. Bobby Clafin, an action officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, G8.

Nested in improving the Army's "Resource Processes" is supporting combatant commanders, getting re-deploying troops ready for future missions and working with other services to ensure money isn't wasted by developing redundant capabilities, G8 officials said.

The Army Strategic Planning Board was first formed after 9-11 with a primary focus on supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Although it works as a gatekeeper, it ironi-

cally has proven to compress equipment-fielding schedules from years to months and even weeks, officials said.

Unit commanders from company to theater-level submit operational needs statements to their major commands, and if the MACOMS can't fulfill the requests, they are forwarded to Headquarters Department the Army for resolution, said Col. Mark Averill, chief of ASPB.

"When commanders see a required piece of gear that they need for mission success, they can write and ask for it," Averill said.

Before requests reach the ASPB's Thursday meeting, Averill hosts a Tuesday meeting where a council of colonels first reviews the requests.

"It's not layers of bureaucracy," said Lt. Col. Michael Komichak, a member of the ASPB. "Instead of walking requests in each of the staff sections and trying to get on the G3's calendar, we provide a forum where multiple decisions directly impacting Soldiers on the ground can be made within 60 to 90 minutes."

The planning board isn't just driven by requests from commanders, Komichak said. Board members also think forward, he said. They use lessons learned from previous

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APG volunteer Hattie Sanford, left, laughingly replies to interview questions from Bob Turk, WJZ-TV, who surprised Sanford during an open house farewell held for her at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club March 31 with a Channel 13 Hometown Hero Award.

## Community leaders say farewell to 'Miss Hattie'

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

For more than 50 years Hattie Sanford put the needs of others in Aberdeen Proving Ground and other military communities first.

On March 31 the APG community returned the favor with an open house farewell for the lady many consider its most devoted volunteer.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, were among the dozens of guests who showed up to bid farewell and share remarks and memories of Sanford's loyal service.

"Thank you for all you have done for APG and for your dedicated support of our Soldiers," Mark said as she presented Sanford with a commander's coin of excellence.

Doesburg, noting that "volunteers literally run the installation," said "it's really hard to quantify" Sanford's contributions in the course of her 50 years of service.

Utilizing a process "within the Department of the Army that

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# Family Corner—Enriching the military life



Brandon Smith, the 19-month-old son of Gena and Staff Sgt. Brian Smith, 16th Ordnance Battalion, hunts for eggs in the chapel courtyard bushes April 10.



Capt. Robert Arnold, Army Evaluation Center, helps his five-year old son, Jeremy, collect colorful eggs at the ACS Easter egg hunt.

## Healthy families have fewer home front worries

**Lt. Col James Cartwright**  
CHPPM

The military child with a parent deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan may suddenly be impacted by worries and fears about the parent who may be in danger.

“The military child is on the home front of world events,” said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ronald Smith, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

The child learns about the dangers of deployment from a variety of sources, including the at-home parent, teachers, friends, and from radio and television. The good news is that parents can take relatively simple measures to ensure that children cope effectively with the circumstances of deployment.

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A structured, stable, and safe emotional and physical environment for the children of deployed military service

members is paramount.

Children require reassurance that they are cared for and safe while a parent is away. The at-home parent should establish and maintain social supports that help the family and child cope with the separation, such as periodic get-togethers with other family members or gatherings with friends and neighbors. Maintaining contacts with the parents of the deployed Soldier preserves important family interactions that can also provide emotional support for the at-home parent. Also, it is important to stay in close touch with the child’s school and teacher.

Predictable activities and routines will help children cope with the unpredictable events of deployment. Maintaining the usual child activities such as after school sports, clubs and religious meetings will help to normalize the weeks of separation.

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## Crowd turns out for ACS Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Story and photos by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground children and parents enjoyed an afternoon together at the joint hosted Aberdeen Post Chapel and Army Community Service Egg Hunt Extravaganza April 10 at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel.

The event featured free food, face painting and crafts.

In addition, an information table provided pamphlets on ACS programs and services in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the

Child. Many gathered to pick up blue ribbon pins to wear to support child abuse prevention.

“There were over 400 kids and adults in attendance,” said Reeshemah Bugg, ACS Exceptional Family Member Program manager, who greeted families at the door and handed out colorful yo-yo’s, fanny packs, Month of the Child information, cups and coloring books.

“What a great turnout,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph DiGregorio, while observing children and parents gathered in the social hall for hot dogs, chips and drinks

before going in search of eggs filled with candy, toys and stickers.

Youths and parents enjoyed themselves hunting for more than 3,000 eggs on the lawn behind the chapel and in the courtyard.

“This was a great event. The weather was nice, so families could have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities,” said Pam Greenhow, a clerk with the Directorate of Installation Operations. Greenhow’s daughter, Jasmine, 6, said, “hunting eggs and getting my face painted

*See EGG HUNT, page 3*

## Easter Bunny arrives early at MRICD



Photo by SGT JENNIFER DEVORAK  
The Easter Bunny holds a bewildered Ethan Warren during the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense Easter event April 3.

**Paula Adkins**  
MRICD

An early visit by the Easter Bunny occurred April 3 at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, where family members gathered for the planned event.

Children sat on the Easter Bunny’s lap and had their picture taken with him and then were given Easter baskets filled with gifts, toys, and candy.

The children also went on an Easter Egg Hunt, made Easter bunny faces out of paper plates, and everyone got to enjoy eating pizza.

“The Easter Egg Hunt was great,” said Joanne Holloway, an MRICD employee. “They had activities for all of the kids. The Easter Bunny was

also a big hit. The picture with the Easter Bunny is going to be a great memoir for our family for years to come.

“The military personnel assigned to the MRICD, who planned and hosted this event, should be commended for their hard work and dedication that made this event such a huge success,” she added.



Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III  
Sgt. Maria Gabriela Romo, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, experienced the absence of her deployed husband over the past year. Maria coped with his absence by busying herself with their new baby daughter, Jacqueline Gabriela. Her husband, Sgt. Felipe Romo is assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

## ACS events for Month of the Child at APG

**VARIED DATES  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION INFORMATION BOOTHS**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
April 15, AA Post Exchange  
April 14, EA Shoppette  
April 20, AA Commissary

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 15  
MEDIA VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN**

Class will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. at AA ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Laura Reich, Family Advocacy Program Prevention specialist 410-278-7478.

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 21  
A GUIDE FOR TEENS: BEING WISE ABOUT MONEY**

Class will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. at AA ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Arcelio Alleyne, Financial Readiness Program manager, 410-278-2450.

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 22  
SAFE-GUARDING OUR COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP**

Workshop will be held 6 to 8 p.m. at AA ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Laura Reich, Family Advocacy Program prevention specialist, 410-278-7478.

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 24  
CYS SPRING FAMILY FUN FEST**

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Spring Family Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Youth Services building E-1902. Parents and children of all ages are invited. All activities are free.

The focus this year is good health and safety.

A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment. Activities include arts and crafts, chess and sports tournaments, ‘Nothin Up My Sleeve’ clowns, balloon sculptures and face painting, a book fair, bounce house and more.

Enjoy free hot dogs and lemonade. Door prizes will be given away every half hour.

Grand prizes include a 20” bicycle and a child’s rocking horse and winners must be present to collect prize.

Program displays and registration information will be available.

For more information, call CYS Outreach Services at 410-278-7571, or Diana Hayes, ACS PACT coordina-

tor, 410-278-4372.

**CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICE SPRING FLING**

Event will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Edgewood Youth Service building E-1902.

ACS will host an information booth with activities for children at the Spring Fling.

For more information, call Diana Hayes, PACT coordinator, 410-278-4372.

**MONDAY  
APRIL 26  
PEACEFUL STEPS TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR TEENS**

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m. at AA ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Laura Reich, Family Advocacy Program prevention specialist, 410-278-7478.

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 29  
DEALING WITH FAMILY STRESS**

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m. at AA ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Laura Reich, Family Advocacy Program prevention specialist, 410-278-7478.

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From left, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School retirees Master Sgt. Timothy J. Sprucebank, chief inspector of the metalworking division and his wife Nathasha; Staff Sgt. Andre' H. Sullivan, professional development instructor with the Metalworking Services Department, and his wife Bridgette; and Howard W. Wright Jr., chief for staff and faculty development, and his wife Lois, stand to sing the Army song at their retirement ceremony on March 31 at Top of the Bay.

# APG honors 3 OMMS retirees

Story and photo by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

The March retirement ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Marvin (Keith) McNamara, commanding general of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, honored three U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School members March 31 at Top of the Bay.

"We're here to honor three men who have 70 years of total combined service," said narrator Janet L. Dettwiler, garrison assistant adjutant.

McNamara introduced the first retiree, Master Sgt. Timothy J. Sprucebank, as a "Mechanic in a welder's world."

Sprucebank, a Baltimore native, enlisted in the Army Dec. 23, 1982, served four tours overseas, including two in Korea and one each in Germany and Hawaii and numerous stateside assignments, culminating his career as a chief instructor with the Metalworking Division, Weapons and Metal Servicing Department at the OMMS.

He is especially proud of making the rank of master sergeant something that only six percent of enlisted Soldiers obtain, according to Sprucebank's biography.

Sprucebank's past awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Korean Service

Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, as well as the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Samuel Sharpe award.

Next, McNamara introduced Staff Sgt. Andre' H. Sullivan, a Chicago native, who worked as a professional development instructor with the OMMS Metalworking Services Department.

Sullivan enlisted in the Army on March 20, 1984 and like Sprucebank served four tours overseas, including Korea and Saudi Arabia as well as many stateside assignments before coming to APG.

An accomplished and continuously training Soldier, Sullivan has mentored and taught other Soldiers throughout his military career. He also worked on the planning committee for the Military District of Washington's 50th Anniversary Reenactment of the Signing of the NATO Peace Treaty.

Sullivan's past awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Air Assault Badge and the Valorous Unit award.

Finally, McNamara introduced Howard W. Wright Jr., a Philadelphia native and son of Lt. Col. Howard W. Wright Sr. and Kathryn Wright who were stationed on

APG during World War II.

Wright Jr. took a break during his college years to become a munitions technician apprentice at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia until "Uncle Sam" requested his induction into the U. S. Army in 1967, which included serving in Vietnam.

After Vietnam Wright Jr. taught in Pennsylvania public schools, and then was offered a career teaching multimedia courses for the Army in December 1975.

At APG, he held several positions with the OMMS, which culminated as the chief, Staff and Faculty Development.

"The old comradeship that existed before the school reorganized in 1994 is the thing I will miss most about APG," said Wright Jr., who had served the longest at APG with 28 years of service.

He will officially retire in late April 2004. Sprucebank and Sullivan will both retire in late July 2004.

The retiree's wives Nathasha Sprucebank, Bridgette Sullivan and Lois Wright Jr. all received certificates honoring their contributions of service during their husbands' military careers.

In the future, Sprucebank plans to return as a federal employee working with Soldiers, Sullivan simply plans to enjoy life, and Wright Jr. plans to pursue his hobbies while extensively traveling throughout the United States and Canada with his wife in their fifth wheel camper.

## Sunrise

From front page

risen and because He has risen our lives are different.

"I hope that we will try ever more firmly to live our lives as He would want," he added. "May you come to a greater joy and awareness of His presence in your life."

Other contributors to the service included the invocation by Maj. Joseph DiGregorio, Catholic priest; the benediction by Capt. Anthony Taylor, 143rd Ordnance Battalion chaplain; a reading by Susan Burnett; and a prayer for the nation by Lt. Col. Carol Van Schenkshof, RDECOM chaplain.



Led by choir director LeAnn Masters, the Protestant Service choir sings, "Our Savior is Alive," by Don Bensig.

## Egg hunt

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really made my day."

"The food was great," said Amanda Green as she and her husband, Staff Sgt. Brad Green, U.S. Air Force Training Squadron, enjoyed watching their son Payton, 2, run around the courtyard hunting for eggs.

Some children made Easter bunny-faced baskets out of gallon milk jugs with pink and white foam pieces in an adjoining craft room.

An added attraction was complimentary photographs with the Easter Bunny. Steven Conway, 12, a member of the Protestant congregation, posed as the Easter bunny. Annette Emrick, wife of Spc. Chad Emrick, chaplain assistant, took the bunny photos, which are available for pick up at the ACS building 2754, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call 410-278-7474 or 410-278-7572.

"This partnership between ACS and the Post Chapel brought the community together for fun, food and baskets full of eggs. It was a huge success," Bugg said.

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**HIDALGO**  
**April 16, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif

Set in 1890, this is the story of a Pony Express courier (Mortensen) who travels to Saudi Arabia to compete with his horse, Hidalgo, in a dangerous race for a massive contest prize, in an adventure that sends the pair around the world. (Rated PG-13)



**AGENT CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION LONDON**  
**April 17, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Frankie Muniz, Anthony Anderson

A CIA agent has stolen a top

secret mind-control device and Cody has to go undercover in London to get it back. Posing as a student at an elite boarding school to get close to his suspects, Cody has to keep the other kids from discovering his true identity while infiltrating covert hideouts, spying on his sinister target and going to class. (Rated PG)



**STARSKY AND HUTCH**  
**Saturday, April 17, 9 p.m.**  
Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson

Set in the 1970s in a metropolis called "Bay City," this is the tale of two police detective partners, Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson (Wilson), and Dave Starsky (Stiller), who always seem to get the toughest cases from their boss, Captain Dobey, rely on omniscient street informer Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg) and race to the scene of the crimes in their souped-up 1974 Ford Torino hot rod. (Rated PG-13)

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 16**  
**MIDWAY BUSTRIP**  
The Jessie J. Shanks Lodge No. 137 Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated is hosting a bus trip to the Midway Casino, Harrington, Del. Bus will depart Aberdeen Shopping Plaza next to Ollies at 2 p.m. and return at 10 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes a buffet meal.

Proceeds will go toward the lodge's building fund.  
For information or tickets call, 410-297-6951 or 410-272-3026.

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 17**  
**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**  
The City of Aberdeen will sponsor an Earth Day celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(rain date April 18), at Aberdeen Festival Park, located two blocks from Route 40 and West Bel Air Avenue.

Activities will feature a rock climbing wall, games made from recycled plastic lumber and recycled prizes, ocean "moon" bounce, exhibits by environmental groups and earth-friendly vendors, live music, food and tie dye booth. Students who bring their own 100 percent cotton T-shirt will be able to tie-dye their shirt for free.

Students are also encouraged to bring in and recycle an empty cereal box in exchange for three free game tokens.

For more information, call the City of Aberdeen Recycling Office at 410-297-4215.

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 18**  
**BINGO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The Aberdeen American Legion American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, 44 North Park Street will host bingo at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-9822.

**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 19**  
**GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS MEETING**  
Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold a regular meeting 11:40 a.m. at the Gunpowder Club at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The general public is invited to attend.

The club is open to anyone interested in improving their communication, leadership and listening skills. For more information and directions, call 410-941-1120 or 410-734-6573.

**TUESDAY**  
**APRIL 20**  
**VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING**  
The Charlton-Miller VFW Ladies Auxiliary, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

**THE 2ND ANNUAL INSTALLATION FOOD SERVICE OFFICE/SQFC SPECIALTY MEAL**  
The IFSO/SQFC Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, department of defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The IFSO/SQFC Specialty Meal menu includes: Maryland crab soup, prime rib of beef au jus, fried catfish, fried shrimp, grilled salmon steaks, buffalo chicken, baked potatoes with toppings, long grain and wild rice, green beans and mushrooms, cauliflower au gratin, salad bar, hot dinner rolls, breads, pineapple upside down cake, Congo bars, spice cake, fresh fruit, soft serve yogurt with toppings, condiments and beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-306-1393/1398.



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### DOIM VI holds open house

The Visual Information Services Division of the garrison's Directorate of Information Management will host an Open House 1 to 4 p.m. daily, April 19 through 23, in building 4725 Bomb Loop in the Aberdeen Area.

The division's unique and wide-ranging visual information capabilities to include multi-media presentations, visual information solutions, photography and audiovisual, cradle-to-grave custom exhibit design and production, model making and graphics design and production will be showcased.

For more information, call 410-306-4700.

### ARL to host Days of Remembrance

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the annual National Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance, themed "For Justice and Humanity," 10 a.m., April 21, at the Post Theater.

Guest speaker will be Felix Kestenberg, a Holocaust survivor.

For more information, call the APG EO Advisor at 410-278-1534.

### AEC, APG Earth Day cohost presentation

The U.S. Army Environmental Center and APG EA will hold an Earth Day presentation, 1 to 2 p.m., April 23, at the RDECOM Conference Center Auditorium, building E-4811.

Britt Slattery, BayScapes coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Field Office, will discuss the benefits of BayScaping yards. BayScaping uses a variety of beneficial plants that require minimal maintenance such as trimming, watering, fertilizing or pesti-

cide applications because they're well adapted to Maryland's local climate and soil types. Because they use less fertilizer and pesticides, they reduce the amount of pollutants carried by rainwater to local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Beneficial plants also improve wildlife habitat providing native local birds and mammals with fruits, nuts and seeds. All post employees are welcome.

For more information, call John Barczak at 410-436-1562.

### Ricketts Point Road closure scheduled

Ricketts Point Road will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, for the installation of water and storm sewer lines. The closure will occur between the south entrance to the building E-3300 parking lot and Beech Point Road.

Access to the parking lot will not be affected but all traffic with destinations beyond the lot entrance will be required to use Wise and Otto roads as the detour route.

All access to Gunpowder Neck ranges must use the detour route.

The closure is scheduled to start at 7 a.m., 1 May, and is scheduled to be completed no later than the following Sunday afternoon.

In advance of the actual road closures, there will be lane closures with flagmen for preparatory work during the preceding week.

Work is being performed as part of the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory construction by Poole and Kent Company for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration.

Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

In addition, any building

occupants requiring access to buildings E-3330/E-3331 are requested to access the sidewalk between buildings E-3300 and E-3331 and to avoid the construction areas.

Additional Ricketts Point Road closures will be necessary later this year to install additional utilities and notices will be posted.

For more information, call is Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

### Asian Pacific American Heritage luncheon planned

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will sponsor the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 18 at the APG Recreation Center. The guest speaker will be U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo from Guam.

The free program will include a display of Asian and Pacific cultural items and food sampling. The event is open to everyone.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Duffie Robertson, DTC EO adviser at 410-278-1053.

### 2004 Army Birthday Ball

Celebrate the Army's 229th birthday including dinner, entertainment and dancing at the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, June 19, at the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C. All U.S. Army Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited to attend the event. Tickets cost \$50 each. A limited number of discounted tickets at \$15 each will be available for Army staff sergeants and GS-7 civilians and below. Registration begins April 19. Seats are limited.

For more information or to

register for the 2004 Army Birthday Ball, visit Army Knowledge Online, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), and follow the link to the ball.

### AMSAA celebrates D-Day anniversary

The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity is sponsoring a Commemoration Ceremony of the 60th anniversary of D-Day 10 to 11 a.m., June 4, at the APG Ordnance Museum. A memorial plaque will be unveiled as well as a tree planting to celebrate the occasion. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Bill Fisher, 410-278-6464 or Patrick J. O'Neill, 410-278-6450.

#### Fact of the week

*Walk, carpool or ride a bicycle when possible. Americans make the equivalent of three million trips to the moon and back each year in cars, using up natural resources and polluting the air.*

New York State Department of Environmental

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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining events planned for APG. Upcoming concerts include the Miller Lite	Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry, and Blue County on July 17 and Shirley Caesar returns to APG for another	concert July 18. To learn more, visit <a href="http://www.apg-mwr.com">http://www.apg-mwr.com</a> .
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### Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Scrapbook a Mother's Day gift

Create a one-of-a-kind memory for mom at a scrapbook class 10 a.m. to noon, May 1, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. This is a project that children can participate in. A master booker will lead and help with creations. Participants should bring at least 50 to 80 of their favorite photos to complete this creation.

Cost is \$40 per scrapbook kit and includes one 12 inch X 12 inch scrapbook, patterned, solid colored and white pages, stickers, glue stick, marker and template. Other supplies also can be purchased at the class. Register by April 23.

### Horse Care and Stable Management

Thinking about getting a horse or maybe you just bought one and not sure how to take care of it? These

instructional classes run 10 to 11 a.m., May 1 thru May 8, at the APG Stables. The classes will teach grooming, feeding, foot care, saddle & bridal training, safety procedures, stall preparation, and pasture management. Cost is \$20 (children under 12 are free with paying adult). Register by April 23.

### Ladies Golf Play Group

Play group is a weekly gathering at Ruggles of women who play golf. It is just for fun and no competition is involved. Play group runs May 6 thru Sept. 30. First tee time is at 4:30 p.m. Cost is a \$10 registration fee plus weekly greens fees. Register by May 3.

### Bowling Specials

April 18 is Scotch Doubles starting at 2 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. There will be cash prizes.

### "Bringin' the House Down" Comedy Show

The APG community and the public are invited to see "Bringin' the House Down" Comedy Show, 9 p.m., May 8, at the Post Theater. Doors open at 8 p.m. Featured comedians include Queen Aishah, Ricky

Schackleford, Bro-Man 5th Flo, Kevin Anthony and Big Ben Kennedy. Tickets cost \$10 in advance for upper level, \$15 for lower level and \$20 at the door. A cash bar will be available. There will be an after party following the show at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Permanent party and civilians with ticket stubs only can attend. Without a ticket stub, the cost to attend the after party is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail [earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Link up 2 Golf - Beginner Golf School

The classes will consist of seven hours of instruction, three on-course playing experiences with an instructor, rental club usage, range balls, greens fee and cart fees during on-course experience sessions, and 15 free baskets of range balls for outside class practice time.

There are two classes to choose from: Saturdays, May 1 through June 12, register by April 23, 2 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course and Fridays, May 19 to June 23, register by May 12. Class will begin 5:30 p.m.

at Exton Golf Course.

Cost for E1-E5 is \$85; E6 to O3, \$99; O4 to O10 and Department of Defense civilians, \$109 and the public price is \$129.

### Highlights of the Jersey Shore

Take a trip to Wildwood, N.J., May 31 through June 4. The package includes four nights lodging in Wildwood, a visit to historic Cape May, Dolphin Watch Sightseeing Cruise, and a trip to Atlantic City. Cost is \$299 for doubles and \$369 for singles. Register by April 23.

### Cinco de Mayo Day-Night Golf Tournament

Start the golf season off with this fun golf event, May 1, 5 p.m. tee off at Ruggles Golf Course.

This is a golf tournament with a different twist. The first nine holes will be played before sun set, a regular Captain's Choice scramble. At the turn, a full buffet, unlimited soda, and beer will be provided, followed by the last nine holes being played in total darkness. All night golf equipment is provided.

Cost is \$30 for patrons, \$45 for authorized value card members, and \$55 for all others. Register by April 21.

### Organization Day at APG

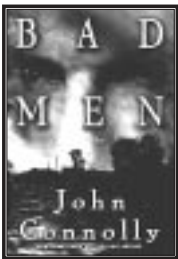
USAGAPG will be hosting their annual Organization Day 8 a.m. thru 4 p.m., June 24. There will be a DJ, food, children's games, bowling, softball, golf, and horseshoe tournament, plus more.

To purchase tickets contact MWR Registration, 410-278-4907, AA Fitness Center, 410-278-9725, EA Fitness Center, 410-436-7134. Cost is \$15 adult, \$6 children advanced purchase May 10 till June 11, and at the gate on June 24, \$20 for adult and \$6 for children (6 to 12). Children under 6 are free.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

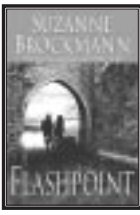
**Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-436-3589.**

**The following new books are available at the APG MWR libraries:**



**Bad Men** by John Connolly

The small island of Sanctuary, off the coast of Maine, was once the scene of a bloody massacre. Now, three centuries later, evil has again come to the island, a modern-day evil with strange, eerie connections to the events of the late 1600s.



**I'm a Believer** by Jessica Adams

**Flashpoint** by Suzanne Brockmann

**Best Enemies** by Jane Heller



**Sleeping Beauty** by Phillip Magolin

**True Fires** by Susan McCarthy

The library's Web site: [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html) provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## Lucky Bucket 2 underway at Ruggles Golf Course



**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Ruggles Golf Course is hosting the Lucky Bucket 2 Sweepstakes, a spring golf driving range promotion targeting golfers of all ages and skill levels.

From April 1 to June 30, nine red "lucky" balls will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Instant prizes are awarded on the spot to those who find a red ball in their bucket. Prizes include a Vivitar dig-

ital camera; Wilson Staff true velocity golf balls, a Dirt Devil hand vacuum, Samsonite "Legacy Sport" 2-piece luggage set, and more.

In addition, with every purchase of a bucket of balls at the driving range, patrons will receive an entry form for the grand prize, an all-expense paid golf vacation package for two at a championship golf resort. The golf vacation packages will be drawn randomly at the CFSC headquarters on or about July 31.

Sharpen your golf skills and enter to win great prizes.

For more information, contact Ruggles Golf Course at 410-278-4794 or visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Canoes from the MWR Equipment Resource Division sit on display near the APG Burger King during the 2003 Outdoor Recreation Expo.

## Don't miss the Outdoor Expo, April 20

Outdoor Recreation is hosting an expo 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 20. Some of the items on display will include canoes, pop-up campers, boats, Super grills, canopies, and more. There

will be give-aways all day.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail [outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

## APG Youth Sports Program Baseball Clinic

Boys and girls ages three and four as of April 1 can register for the APG Youth Sports Program Baseball Clinic, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 24 at the Central Registration Office, building 2752. The clinic will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, from April 27 through June 8, at the AAYS Gym or Field #2, behind the Youth Center.

Cost of registration is \$25 per child and \$47 for two children. Child must be a Youth

Center member to participate. The membership fee is \$15.

The program will teach basic hitting, throwing, running and fielding techniques. Children need to supply their own glove and rubber cleats are recommended but not required. Rainout dates are June 15 and 22. A baseball picnic will be held June 28.

For more information, call the CYS Youth Sports Office at 410-306-2297, or e-mail [William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil).



### Hole in One

**Rose Needleman of Bel Air, shot a hole in one at 107 yards using a 5-wood on hole number 8 at Exton Golf Course April 6. Congratulations to Rose.**

## Equipment sale

An equipment sale will be held April 23 through May 3 for five hot dog carts (minimum bid of \$560) and a concessionaire trailer (minimum bid of \$1,725).

Property inspection will be held April 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., building E-5928.

All sealed bids must be received by close of business May 3 to DCFA Support

Services, building 305, ATTN: Preston Hill. Payment may be made by cash or check.

Purchaser must remove property within 72 hours after contacted.

There will be no refunds and equipment will be sold as is.

For more information, contact Preston Hill at 410-278-7217.

## Collect Striker toys during Bowling for Bucks

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

From April 1 to Aug. 31, the APG Bowling Center will be offering Bowling for Bucks, the popular series that allows customers to purchase bowling bucks to buy prizes at the auction party at the end of the 2-month promotion.

Collect Bowling Bucks to purchase one of three 9-inch Striker toys, adorable plush collectibles, available with every purchase of \$5 or more.

In addition to food and beverage specials, music, free or discounted bowling and other specials, customers can bid on a 36" Striker doll, a 7-day vacation package from

[www.GovArm.com](http://www.GovArm.com) and Trading Places, Harley-Davidson shirts, coolers, any remaining 9-inch Striker toys, bowling parties and more.

Visit the APG Bowling Center and start earning your Bowling Bucks. The more you bowl, the more you eat, the more Bowling Bucks you earn. Collect \$25 in Bowling Bucks and take home a plush Striker bowling pin, bear, or ball. Collect all three while quantities last.

For more information, visit the APG Bowling Center; call 410-278-4041; or visit the MWR Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

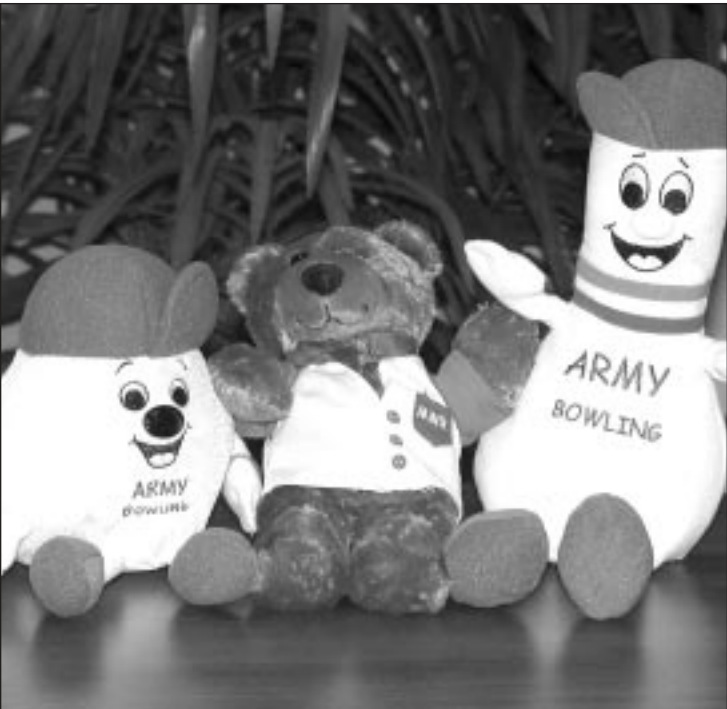






Photo by JON SCHNEIDER  
Staff Sgt. Olyminia Malone, left, from the 398th Chemical Company, receives the Army Achievement Medal from Col. Tim D. Madere, commander of the U.S. Army Guardian Brigade.

## Reservist

*From front page*

“Some of you would like to stay,” said Madere. “You might not be able to do it this time, but there will be other calls like this in the future.”

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, added her personal thanks to the members of the 398th Chemical Company.

“You might say that it is not necessary; that you were just doing your job,” Mark said. “Well, you deserve it. Make sure you say thank you to your families also. It was tough on you and on your support network also.”

Mark closed by cautioning the departing Soldiers about what they might say about their experience with TEU.

“You know things now that we do not want our enemies to know. Be careful about what you say - we are still a nation at war,” she said.

The 398th Chemical Company is part of the 90th Regional Readiness Command. The 90th RRC is a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Reserve Command and is one of 10 regional commands established in July 1995 to provide command and control of U.S. Army Reserve Troop units.

When asked about the benefits received while assigned to TEU, Staff Sgt. Olyminia Malone, squad leader with TEU’s Company A, said the training was probably the greatest benefit.

“This is training we did not even know existed and that we would probably never get in the reserves. It opens doors that I was not even aware of,” said Malone.

“It also gave me an alternate career option. So many jobs are available for people in this field. I have actually been thinking about doing this as a full-time civilian job,” he said.

Malone has 14 years of service with the reserves and is an analyst with America Gas Propane in Houston, Texas, in civilian life.

He said his experience here at Aberdeen has been mainly positive. The transition was tough in the beginning but once an issue was brought to the sergeant major’s attention, it was taken care of.

Malone said he felt that his unit made a contribution to the Global War on Terrorism by supporting TEU.

“When I first got here they were short-handed in accomplishing their mission. They trained us in different types of chemicals. A very different training to what we’re used to,” he said.

When asked if this experience has changed anything in the way he views the Army and its mission, Malone responded that this experience had showed him how much more he can learn and made him aware of a variety of training he can have.

Malone stated that he hoped that TEU has learned that reservists can be an asset to the military.

“Some of our Soldiers have been reservists all their lives, but have what it takes to be an active duty Soldier,” he said.

His biggest challenge was “ the dual leadership; TEU and the 398th.”

“At certain times, the missions were not the same. There were conflicts in schedules,” Malone said. “The first 6 months were rough, but things were working well,” he said

Master Sgt. Ivory Wayne Stewart, senior noncommissioned officer with TEU’s Company B expressed similar views. Stewart has 18 years of service, mostly with the 398th Company. He is originally from Olive Branch, Miss., and in civilian life is a team leader at ALCOA.

Stewart, like Malone, felt that his experience was positive.

“When we first got here, we were at an elementary level,” he said. “After being at TEU for a year, I feel we are freshman in college because of the training we have received.”

Stewart’s greatest challenge was merging with regular Army.

“To get them to accept us was a hard task. We might not be at their level, but we are not too far below either,” he said.

The departure of the 398th Soldiers will have a great impact on TEU.

“They became part of the organization and were instrumental in supporting Army mission accomplishment,” said Command Sgt. Maj. E. Donald Moten, Guardian Brigade command sergeant major.

Moten added that reserves can very well do anything an active duty Soldier can do and they can be easily integrated in support of TEU missions. “We can give the 398th soldiers a pat on the back; you couldn’t really tell them apart from the active duty Soldiers.”

“We are prepared to accept and incorporate all Soldiers assigned to TEU,” said Amann. “Everyone brings special skills, new ideas, and value to this organization.”

“It is our responsibility to accept, integrate and train newly assigned Soldiers. We all grow and mature from each Army organization: active, Reserve and National Guard,” he added.

To meet the challenges of the 21st century in the global war on terrorism, the Army started to redefine and restructure itself. It is becoming smaller, lighter and quicker.

The Army Reserve is playing a critical role in this transformation. With more than one million Soldiers available at any time, the Army Reserve provides a highly skilled, flexible force that can support the Army when and where they are needed the most: combat support, combat service support, peacekeeping, nation-building and civil support.

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## LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and

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### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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(fracture of left tibia)  
Sarah Blevins  
Christina Bryant  
Jane E. Calahan  
Kenneth Carey  
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David Fletcher  
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neuropathy  
Melanie A. Hoffman  
(parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)  
Richard Hoffman  
Beth Kelly  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
Janet Kipp  
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)  
Cheryl Johnson-Mathews  
William B. McLean

(kidney failure)  
Linda M. D. Queen  
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Alison Tichenor  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)



# Toastmasters International honors 40-year service member



Theo Berenthien  
Story and photo by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

A retired Aberdeen Proving Ground chemist was honored April 5 at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Toastmasters, or TM, Club for his 40 years as an Able Toastmaster and Maryland District 18 leader. Col. Henry Davis, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command chief of staff, presented the honoree, Theo Berenthien,

with a signed proclamation from Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, RDECOM commander, that declared April 5, 2004 as “ATM Theo Berenthien, President Emmeritus Day” on APG. “General Doesburg was extremely happy to be able to honor Theo with this proclamation,” Davis said. The gathering served as both a ceremony and meeting. The theme of the meeting was “mentor” and the word of the day was “exemplary,” which meant serving as a model or example or to be worth imitating. The ceremony program proclaimed the honoree, Berenthien, as the President Emeritus of Gunpowder Toastmasters who performed all roles in an exemplary manner. Steve Fine, past Toastmasters president, reflected on Berenthien’s time with the club. “We come to this point in

life where we measure what we’ve done in years...My first evaluator was Theo. He was brutally honest,” Fine said. Other members, like Fine, also valued Berenthien’s ability to give good constructive criticism to written pieces he had reviewed over 40 years. Joyce Seabolt, membership vice president and competent TM, presented a poem in appreciation of Berenthien noting that he joined the Gunpowder Club 2562 in April 1964, was a three-time president, a Division Lieutenant Governor of Education and had served as the fifth Governor of District 18. “Filling in where there’s a need is Theo’s strongest suit,” she said. Another member and former past president of the club [two terms], Richard Forchheimer, who works at the Chemical Materials Agency in the Edgewood Area, toasted Berenthien.

“To Theo, the mentor who, always demonstrated confidence as a good leader and cared about team members,” Forchheimer said. Berenthien then showed his skill with an impromptu acceptance speech, quoting poets and reflecting on what he had gained in his 40 years as a TM. “It’s been a long time...I learn something at every meeting. You’ve got to keep learning at my age. I hope to pass my experience on,” Berenthien said. “I was thinking back and I have spent \$1,500 in dues to Toastmasters International and I don’t think I’ve ever made a better investment,” he said. “I have received much more in return and I will tell you that I have paid my dues for another year,” he said about continuing his commitment to the club. Berenthien described his top four TM memories. “First

being elected District Governor. Second, when my successor Harvey Aviles was elected because I didn’t realize how hectic the job was going to be but the reward of the experience was worth it. Third, being a judge at the international speech conference in Portland, Ore., in 1970. And finally, I’d have to say serving in this club for 40 years.” Berenthien was also presented with a photo of himself taken at a previous TM event, which TM well wishers signed around the edges. As Lee Campbell, a retired TM, signed the picture he remarked, “Theo was quite a driving force in the Gunpowder Club and District 18.” Fine recalled how Berenthien had prepared a valuable club document on his own time, which included a description of every position, duties to perform and geographic location. “We were aghast at this

monumental document. So behind Theo’s back we gathered and decided we wanted to honor this truly special man,” Fine said. Berenthien started in 1962 with the government as a chemist in the Chemical Plants Division in the Edgewood Arsenal and then worked in the Weapons Development and Engineering Laboratories. In the past 40 years as a TM, Berenthien also became a charter member of the Parkville TM club, and completed five training manuals on how to give formal speeches on education. Seabolt asked Berenthien what he would say to potential members to encourage them to join TM. “You can’t lose. Toastmasters’ training applies to jobs, committees, church, whatever. It is not just public speaking, it’s leadership training,” he said.

# Gunpowder Toastmasters club moves to next level

**Joyce Seabolt**  
Special contributor

The air was cold and crisp on Feb. 19, but things were heating up at the Area 24 Speaking Contest where members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Susquehanna and Gunpowder Toastmasters clubs were competing to move on to the Division B contest. Contestants, guests and judges gathered at the Harco Club Meeting place, Golden City Super Buffet, Edgewood, to hear the speeches, but only one person was selected from each category to compete at the next level. Table Topics, is a category in which the speaker must use the skills of quick thinking and speaking to give an impromptu speech on what-

ever subject the table topics master chooses. Rick Fonda, table topics master, selected “Grace and disaster narrowly averted” as the evening’s topic. “ Ted Stanley, APG Susquehanna club, was the first to tackle the difficult topic, but in the end, Jonita Shoaft of the Harco Club, won first place with her detailed description of a childhood adventure that could have ended in disaster except for the grace of God. Gunpowder Club members Dave Garcia won 2nd place and Donna Moltrup won 3rd place. Four speakers competed in the Speech Contest: Walter Johnson, Bel

Air Club, spoke on security escorts; Linda Stevens, Harco Club, spoke on “friends and friendship;” Wilfred Verill, Perryville club, spoke on the “Hubble telescope,” and Jesse Barber, Gunpowder Club, spoke on “the power of imagination.” All of the speeches were well prepared and well spoken according to the Area Governor Hub Hubner. Barber not only captured everyone’s imagination but also captured first place and won the chance to compete at the Division B contest.



“Barber has amazed everyone by his powerful and confident presentation techniques, and he has only been a member for eight months,” said Gunpowder Toastmasters Club President Mansfield Spicer. Barber will move on to the next level of competition. “Winning this contest is a tribute to the tremendous support of my fellow Gunpowder club members,” Barber said. “Their critiques are what helped me improve my speech, and I’m confident their support will help me prevail at the next competition in April.” “It was an exciting and rewarding night for APG with so many members presenting and placing in both categories,” Spicer said. The Division B Contest will be

held 7 p.m., April 23 at Loyola College off of I-83, exit 16, followed by the District 18 Contest, May 8 at the Holiday Inn-Select Conference Center, Timonium. “I predict that the Gunpowder Club will continue to blaze the trail all the way to District 18,” said Paul Josephson, treasurer of the Gunpowder Club. The Susquehanna Club meets 11:45 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Top of the Bay in the Aberdeen Area of APG. The Gunpowder Club meets 11:45 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday at the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area. For more information, visit the Toastmasters Web site, <http://geocities.com/gunpowderclub>.

# The APG Forum



**Chap. (Maj.) Joseph L. Di Gregorio**  
USAGAPG

If there is one thing that all people desperately want and sometimes spend a whole lifetime searching for, and so

often never find is happiness. Why do you think that is? Want to know? Read on. Happiness is found in the total harmony of the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of living. That is why Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians says, “May you be preserved whole and entire, SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY, irreproachable at the coming of the Lord.” The reason so many people are unhappy is that they just don’t see this aspect of life. Take the case of George who sought happiness in physical fitness. He pumped iron, ran ten miles a day, did 100 pushups and sit-ups and swallowed a fistful of vitamins every morning. His muscles

bulged to the point that he looked like Mr. Universe. But despite his physical power, George was so painfully shy he could not look anyone in the eye. He was miserable in his human relationships, and only happy in the gym pulling and pushing on the weights. His neighbor Larry had no interest in bodybuilding. His trip was the twists and turns of his inner psychology. He contemplated his feelings as intensely as a Hindu staring at his navel. Self-help books crowded his desk. He talked a lot about developing his human potential. He was already into his 11th sensitivity group. He was forever fretting about his feelings and kept a biofeedback machine in

his bedroom to measure his tension levels. He neither smoked, drank, touched drugs or ate meat. But the haunted look in his eyes betrayed his unhappiness. The more he concentrated on his psyche, the unhappier he became. It wasn’t supposed to turn out that way. But it did. Then there was Mary, a Jesus person. She clutched her Bible like a life belt. She spent every evening with a prayer group. She had grown thin from fasting too much and her face was pale from staying indoors too much and never exercising. She lost all her friends from her pre-Jesus days because she had nothing in common with them any more. She spoke a whole lot

about how Jesus made her happy, but the intensity of her insistence made listeners wonder if it were true. Each of these people sought happiness in one aspect of human life to the exclusion of the other. None of them were total persons because they chose to ignore major aspects of being human and whole. Their stories illustrate how the quest for happiness can go astray. This topic is important because everyone wants to be happy. It’s amazing how many people just don’t see this. Saint Paul provides the key to this total view of the human person. “Be preserved whole and entire: spirit, soul [same as

psyche] and body. We are neither angels without bodies, nor are we animals without rational minds. We are humans with bodies, minds and souls.” All three aspects deserve life-long development. We are meant to be physically fit, psychologically healthy and spiritually alive. Omit one aspect and there is a hole in the wall, incompleteness. As Joseph Goldbrunner says, “Holiness is Wholeness.” Food and exercise for the body...discipline for the feelings...prayer for the soul. These are the basic prescriptions for happiness. Start today, you’ll be glad and HAPPY that you did. God bless you.

# Farewell

**From front page** allows us to recognize our volunteers,” Doesburg awarded Sanford the DA Commander’s Award for Public Service. “It’s really hard to quantify the loss she will be to us,” Doesburg said. “She will leave us a little less fulfilled.” Celestine Beckett, director, Army Community Service, and Roy Ballenger, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, hosted the event. Also in attendance were friends from the many organizations Sanford volunteered for or was associated with over the years including Helen Davis, the wife of Col. Henry Davis, RDECOM chief of staff; and Paula Meredith, the wife of Col. Paul Meredith, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. Other presenters included Holly Shisler, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts; and Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness Program. All agreed that Sanford left a positive impression on all she came in contact with. Meredith, commenting that Sanford reminded her of a song called, “Be That Light,” presented Sanford a gift on behalf of her husband and the Aberdeen Area chapel “family.”

“She has been that light for me,” Meredith said, adding that Sanford reminded her of a song called “Be that light.” “From my family and the chapel family, we truly are going “to miss you,” Meredith said. “Hattie showed us how one person can make a community a better place for all,” Shisler said. “She has been and will continue to be an inspiration to us all,” Howard added. Capt. Anthony Taylor, 143rd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, and pastor of the Edgewood Chapel protestant service where Sanford worshiped, said he would always think of her as ‘Miss Hattie.’ “I knew right away that she would be the one to help me [learn my way around] here,” Taylor said. “She exemplifies the Army values of selfless service, and I feel I have known her all my life. At some time, some church, in some community will receive great service from you.” As a surprise for Sanford, Baltimore’s Channel 13 “Hometown Hero” host Bob Turk showed up to name Sanford an official hometown hero. As her daughters Vivian, Amy and Carolyn looked on delighted, Turk pinned a gold Channel 13 broach on Sanford then asked her how she felt. “I’m so overwhelmed,” Sanford said. “I can’t believe all the accolades on me for doing something that gave me fulfillment. I just try to live up to my vow to do my best for God and my country.”

Sanford is the widow of retired 1st Sgt. Morris Sanford who died in 1988. She began her volunteer work in Okinawa, Japan in 1949, singing to hospitalized veterans. While at APG she has worked for the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area thrift shops; arts and crafts; recreation services; and Army Community Service. She also was a member of the AA/EA Protestant services and choirs. Sanford is moving to Georgia to live closer to her youngest daughter and grandchildren. *To Hattie  
You’ve been so very good to us  
You’ve been kind in so many ways  
You’ve worked with us  
and played with us  
On all our special days  
Today we’d like to thank you  
For all you’ve done over the years  
And to tell you that you’re special  
And so very, very dear  
Today we’ve come to show you  
In our own special way  
We appreciate the things you’ve done  
More than words can say*

## Focus

**From front page** rotations of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to “lean forward” and predict what units will need on the ground, Komichak said. Among the board members are representatives from the Rapid Equipping Force. They look for off-the-shelf technologies that they can get in the hands of Soldiers as rapidly as possible. An example of a REF product is the “Well-Cam,” which is being used in Afghanistan. The Well-Cam is a camera attached to an Ethernet cable that enables Soldiers to safely search wells for weapons caches. By reprioritizing resources and restructuring other pro-

grams, the Army has reinvested \$36 billion towards Army Transformation, said G-8 officials. Technologies and capabilities are being developed that can be applied to the current force, officials said. In addition to investing in new equipment, major items that have been used in Iraq and Afghanistan are being repaired through the “setting the force” program. Through the reset program, all returning units will achieve a sufficient level of combat readiness to be able to conduct future missions, officials said. “The entire resource process has been evolving from independent processes to a synchronized concert that includes the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the sister services,” Claflin said.

## Susquehanna Toastmasters announces meeting dates

Susquehanna Toastmasters Club 3898 meets 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Ordnance Corps Regimental Room at Top of the Bay. All employees (especially active duty personnel) and family members that are interested in improving leadership skills for presenting, listening and organizing, are welcome. For more information, call Jim Kidd, 410-306-0702; Doug Strand, 410-306-0827; or Ted Stanley, 410-278-7730.





Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, starts the engine of a new GSA bus before taking it for a test drive.



From left Albert Brown, DIO equipment specialist; Gregory Mullins, OMMS supervisory logistics management specialist; Stephen Povilaitis, chief, DIO Ordnance and Transportation Division; Tina Carr, DIO equipment specialist; Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander; Sgt. Maj. Angela Huth and Lt. Col. Shari Corbett 61st Ordnance Brigade; and Charles Cunningham, chief, DIO equipment operations, participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the transfer of new GSA busses to OMMS.

# OMMS acquires new busses

Story and photos by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

Three new General Services Agency busses were given to the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School during a ceremony April 1.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, cut the ribbon for the transfer of the GSA busses that the Directorate of Installation Operations received from the manufacturer after a six-month delay due to maintenance and design issues.

The 44-passenger busses were commissioned by the DIO through the garrison and GSA for OMMS to use to transport the approximately 10,000 students in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG.

Steve Povilaitis, chief of the DIO Ordnance and

Transportation Division, commented on the importance of receiving the new busses.

“Without people being mobile we couldn’t accomplish our mission,” Povilaitis said.

“These busses were part of an order for 293 busses that was put on hold to give the manufacturer an opportunity to improve production practices and provide a much better product,” according to a document provided by Tina Carr, DIO equipment specialist.

“The manufacturer was required to produce 30 pilot busses that had to meet a more stringent GSA specification, as well as pass a more rigorous inspection process, or the order would go to a different vendor,” the document cited.

To produce and receive new busses it normally takes 12 months to process, but it took 18 months this time due to the delay from Thomas Built Busses Inc., the bus manufacturer,

according to Charles Cunningham, garrison equipment manager.

“GSA authorized Thomas Built to field test a small amount of busses to resolve the manufacturing issues before we could get our busses,” said Cunningham.

“DIO is dedicated to providing the best services to those who need it. I’d like to thank them for their support. Hooah,” Mark said.

After the ribbon cutting, Bert Scott, director, DIO, invited Mark to drive one of the new busses around the DIO compound.

Mark accepted and took some of the ceremony members for a ride on the ‘big blue bus.’

“That was fun,” Mark said after parking the bus.

According to Lt. Col. Shari L. Corbett, OMMS, Mark wanted to get an RV after retirement, so driving the bus was a treat.

OMMS drill sergeants will be driving the new busses.

# Managing stress the EAP way

**Bill Sanchious**  
ACS

## Part 2

During the Reduction in Force process, the Army Substance Abuse Program's Employee Assistance Program and Army Community Service's Employee Readiness Program and Financial Readiness Program will provide Employee Transition Assistance.

The Civilian Employee Transition Needs Assessment Checklist will be conducted by a RIF counselor. Then, an ACS counselor will interview employees. Employees will then be referred to various agencies on the transition checklist to include indi-

vidual stress management sessions with the EAP or Stress Management Workshop at ASAP.

EAP services do not include employment opportunities, resume writing workshops or financial counseling. For these services, contact Marilyn Howard, ERP, at 410-278-9669, or Arcello Alleyne at 410-278-2450.

*(Editor's note: This is a continuation from last week's article of the same name.)*

**Coping with job loss**

Security is essential to life. Your security came from being paid and receiving respect for your contributions. You were able to provide food

and shelter for you and your family. You will now have to deal with unemployment lines and services, which you did not anticipate.

You may feel, "What am I to do?"

Losing a job is like suffering a major loss. The stages you may go through are similar. The five steps toward accepting job loss are denial, anger, depression, bargaining and acceptance. Counseling will help eliminate any negative substitutes for job security such as overuse of alcohol or other drugs and over eating. These substitutes can lead to more health, financial and emotional problems.

Your company's personnel department and the unemployment office

should provide information regarding benefits and help you with your next move. Get your support network active even if it is the last thing you feel like doing.

Talk to friends, clients, mentors, union officials or workers in an employee assistance program. Seek treatment for any physical and emotional ills. Social agencies can help when money is short.

**Solutions**

Ask for support from family and friends. You may feel like suffering in silence, but this is the time to talk. Acknowledge your fears, anxieties and other feelings.

Talk to your children about what is

happening and what you are going to do about it.

Keep busy constructively. Take care of your health with diet and exercise.

Use your time to get closer to your family.

Try not to take the layoff personally. See if your personnel department can give you constructive criticism on how to improve your strengths.

Take time to assess yourself and acknowledge your gifts.

**Set new goals for yourself.**

Believe in yourself and your positive attitude will make you happier and more employable.

# Veterans' voices

## Study of the financial impact of retired military service personnel on the economy of the state

Part II  
**Retired U.S. Navy Lt. Ed Kreiner**  
Military Officers Association of America

During the 2003 session of the Maryland legislature, two bi-partisan bills were introduced to increase the state income tax by attracting more retired military service members to retire in Maryland. This was to be accomplished by exempting retired pay from Maryland state and local income taxes, effective Jan. 1, 2004.

Twenty-six veteran organizations supported the legislation which would have been phased in with a 20 percent exemption, followed by an additional 20 percent each year until all military pay would be fully exempt by 2008.

However, Maryland's existing budget

deficit caused the governor and key legislators to opt for a state-sanctioned task force to conduct a detailed analysis of the potential benefits and impact of exempting military retired pay.

Senate Bill 480, which was subsequently enacted, directed that the task force be formed to “Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State.”

The bill directed the task force to answer the following questions:

1. Determine the number of RMSMP (Retired Military Service Personnel) in the state of Maryland.
2. Determine the number of RMSMP engaged in a second career or secondary employment of any kind.
3. Average total income of RMSMP,

including any secondary employment income or secondary career income, military retirement income or other retirement income.

4. The value of any additional benefits or programs available to RSMP.
5. The average expenditures by RSMP on an annual basis for goods and services and the estimated sales tax generated by RSMP in the state.
6. Average expenditure in the form of state, county and local government services provided to RSMP and their families.
7. The cost of health care services provided by the state to RSMP and their families.

See next week's *APG News* for the Task Force report findings.

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 5 AND 6 NATIVE AMERICANS HONORING VETERANS

The Perry Point Veteran's Administration Equal Opportunity Native American Program will host Eagles Nest 2004, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fifth annual Native American Festival honoring veterans will be held at the Perry Point VA Medical Center, front gate picnic area, Perry Point. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include traditional Native American drums and dancers, vendors selling artwork, jewelry, tee shirts, buffalo burgers, other foods and more. There will also be a visitation to the Nursing Home Care Units, 10 a.m., June 6.

Guests include Host Drum, Little Horse Singers; Guest Drum, Bum Kneezee; Head Man Dancer, Terry Strong Heart; Head Lady Dancer, Hanna Jacobs; Emcee, Scott Tiny Bear; flute performances; native and contemporary foods and more.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call Linda Silver Otter, 410-885-2800, Al Milliner, 443-350-3230, or Debbie Rosenkrans, 410-642-1005.

# Worries

From page 2

By keeping the family traditions going with monthly outings to a favorite park, restaurant, or movie, the children can focus for a while on immediate events rather than their concern about the deployed parent's safe return. These experiences also provide children with positive subjects when communicating with the deployed family member.

**For the at-home parent**

The at-home parent, the

only parent on duty, is bound to experience some distress. It is important to take time away from the children to emotionally and physically revive. A planned respite is essential to maintain sanity.

Positive thinking will foster better moods and coping and can be contagious to the child and other family members. The family should be encouraged to share their feelings and concerns with an eye to a positive outcome.

The at-home partner should remember to assure the deployed partner of his or her love and commitment.

Reframing the deployment experience positively as a

challenging opportunity for growth will help the family to endure and will result in fewer home front worries for the deployed parent.

**Talk about it - and listen**

Talking to children about the deployment of a parent can be easier than it might seem. Communicating openly about the Soldier's situation can minimize worries and fears, especially about the safety of the deployed parent and the security of the family.

Parents should be honest about the deployment of a parent in a way that is appropriate for the age of the child, using language that the child can easily understand. Children

benefit while a parent is deployed when a parent or family member helps them sort out what they hear and see in the news. By following the child's lead, small pieces of information at a time will often indicate how to proceed with further discussions. Explain where the parent is and the special job that he or she is doing for the country. The child's questions should be answered openly and honestly, and the kind of questions asked will help focus on what is important to that child.

**Coping through creativity**

When time seems to creep along waiting for the return of

the deployed parent, there are creative and simple ideas that can help measure the passage of time. Marking a calendar with interesting and colorful stickers can help a child keep track of dates and events. Because communicating with the deployed parent through e-mail can be slow at times, the printing and storing of past e-mails to read and re-read keeps a feeling of connection when new e-mails are not forthcoming.

**Helpful resources**

Many resources are filled with general guidance on the complexities of parenting children in the military. For example, Army Community Service

provides parenting classes to parents of infants, toddlers, school age children and teens.

The following Web sites provide information helpful to military families and children:

Army Family (<http://www.arymwr-com-portal/family>)

HOOAH 4 Health (<http://www.hooah4health.com>)

About our kids.org ([www.aboutourkids.org](http://www.aboutourkids.org))

Kids health (<http://kidshealth.org/>)

National Association of School Psychologists ([http://www.naspscenter.org/safe\\_schools/coping.html](http://www.naspscenter.org/safe_schools/coping.html))



## Volleyball update

## Basketball update

<p><b>Company C 16th team wins 3-on-3 tournament</b></p> <p>The following results are from the intramural 3-on-3 basketball tournament held April 10 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. Company C 16th #4 won the post championship.</p>	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p>Company B 16th, 16;          Company C 16th #1, 5          203rd MI, 16; USMC, 10          Company C 16th #1, 15;          Company B 16th, 14          Company C 16th #3, 13;          MRICD, 12          Company C 16th #4, 16; ATC, 3</p>	<p>Company B 16th #2, 13; 203rd MI, 10          Company B 16th, 16;          Company C 16th #3; 5          Company C 16th #4, 16;          Company B 16th #2, 6</p> <p><b>Final</b></p> <p>Company C 16th #4, 16;          Company B 16th, 13</p>
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